

MINUTES

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Standing Committee to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board
June 21, 2016
8:30 AM**

MEETING LOCATION CHANGED FROM

**Laughlin Regional Government Center
101 Civic Way, LAUGHLIN, NEVADA
to**

**The Colorado River Food Bank
240 East Laughlin Civic Drive, LAUGHLIN, NEVADA**

Members Present: Pat Gutierrez
Victoria Conely
David Brownlee
Lance Ross
Cheryl Seipke

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Randall Downey, CARE NV
Paul Stubler, Colorado River Food Bank
Celyse Nsubuga, Women's Care/Outreach Center

Minutes Prepared By: Cheryl Seipke

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A.** Conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- B.** Agenda items may be taken out of order if deemed necessary.
- C.** The Social Services Committee may combine two or more agenda items for consideration.
- D.** The Social Services Committee may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item at any time.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

- A.** Approval of the June 21, 2016 Agenda.

David Brownlee moved, **Victoria Conely** seconded the approval of the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Approval of the May 17, 2016, Minutes.

David Brownlee moved, **Victoria Conely** seconded the approval of the minutes as written. Motion carried 4-0.

3. **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:** This is a period devoted to comments by the general public about items on *this* agenda. If you wish to speak to the committee about items within its jurisdiction but not appearing on this agenda, you must wait until the “Comments by the General Public” period listed at the end of this agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please step up to the speaker’s podium, clearly state your name and address and *spell* your last name for the record. If any member of the committee wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the committee by majority vote. The committee retains the discretion to take additional public comments during times other than during a Public Hearing or during the Public Comment Sessions. In all other instances, a citizen may speak on any matter before the committee for consideration, after receiving recognition and consent of the Chairman of the committee.

4. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

A. Receive a tour and presentation from **Paul Stubler**, Colorado River Food Bank.

Paul Stubler gave a brief history of the food bank prior to the tour. **Paul** stated that the food bank’s budget is \$122,000.00/year and is staffed by 30-40 volunteers.

The Colorado River Food Bank is a 501c(3) non-profit organization that provides food and clothing to those in need in Laughlin, NV, Searchlight, NV, Bullhead City, AZ, and Ft. Mohave, AZ. The food bank is staffed entirely by volunteers that assist with in-take forms, stocking shelves, unloading delivery trucks and packaging food boxes.

Food is obtained from various sources including government agencies from both states, local food drives, fund raisers, grants and donations. Food provided by government agencies can only be distributed to residents from the state the food is provided. Food obtained from food drives, donations and purchases made

through monetary donations may be distributed to residents of either state.

Donations of clothing and small household items are displayed on racks in the lobby for those in need.

The food bank provides assistance under several different programs. The qualifications are income based and ID must be shown for all members of the household. Although 2/3 of the residents utilizing the food bank are from Arizona, most of the food goes to Nevada residents due to government programs. Approximately 20% of the individuals are homeless, about 80% are the working poor.

The Mobile Pantry provides food for residents on the third Wednesday of each month from noon to 2:00 p.m. Nevada residents also receive Senior Commodity food boxes (160/month), USDA Commodity food boxes (every other month), and Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes. The food bank oversees the Laughlin Jr./Sr. High School weekend backpack food program, and the summer food program for kids. Sack lunches are given out to approximately 100 individuals daily Monday through Friday. Anyone requesting a sack lunch will get one regardless of residence or income.

Paul states that monetary donations and volunteers are what is needed. Food donations are not turned down, but the food bank is able to purchase the same food for about half the price, so monetary donations are encouraged. Volunteers are always needed.

5. **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:** This is a period for the Public to comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Social Services Committee, but not appearing on this agenda. If any member of the committee wishes to extend the length of their comments, this will be done by the Chairman, or the committee by majority vote. When speaking during a specific item or during the Public Comments sessions, please step up to the speaker's podium, clearly state your name and address – please spell your name for the record – and limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes. No vote may be taken on any matter not listed on the posted agenda.
6. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** July 19, 2016, 8:30 A.M., Laughlin Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than July 11, 2016.
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

David Brownlee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 AM seconded by **Victoria Conely**. Motion carried 4-0.

NOTE: *These meeting minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the July 19, 2016 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the minutes of the August 16, 2016 meeting.*